PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

OFFICIAL REPORT.

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

FOURTH SESSION.

Tuesday, the 22nd January 1935/9th Makaram 1110.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

NEW MEMBER SWORN IN.

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar, Police Commissioner, took the oath and signed the rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

PRESIDENT : The next business in the agenda is 'Questions and Answers'. The questions which were left over yesterday on account of the expiry of the allotted time will be taken up first.

Kartikapalli-Kayankulam road via Mutukulam.

18 ***MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any estimate has been prepared for metalling the Kartikapalli-Kayankulam road *via* Mutukulam in the Kartikapalli taluk ;

(*b*) if so, what is the estimated amount ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representation for metalling the said road : and

(*d*) if so, whether they have taken any action in the matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 31,170.

(*c*) No

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), the question does not arise.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*) : May I know from the member whether the estimate has been prepared by that department on its own initiative or as a result of any representation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I think it was as a result of representation.

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MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): If the estimate has been prepared as a result of any representation what is the meaning of the answer to part (*c*) of the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The application was for gravelling the road.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from the member whether the work and the estimate has been sanctioned by the Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes, they have been sanctioned by Government.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from the member the cause of the delay in the execution of the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The work has been held over on account of financial stringency.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know whether this road or any portion of it has been inspected by the member recently?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I shall be inspecting it shortly on account of some objections raised by the Honourable member's friend.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member whether any estimate has been prepared for gravelling the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know the amount?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Rs. 31,170.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether that is for metalling the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That is not for metalling the road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that the answer given is incorrect?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The question in part (*a*) is whether any estimate has been prepared for metalling the road and in part (*b*) the question is 'if so, what is the estimated amount'. The member has given it as Rs. 31,170. Then may I know what is the estimated amount for gravelling the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is Rs. 31,170.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Am I to understand that the expenditure will be the same both for gravelling the road and for metalling it?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No. The question was whether an estimate has been prepared for metalling the road and I answered 'yes' and the other question (*c*) was whether they have received any representation for metalling the road and I said 'no'. The representation has been for gravelling the road.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I just explain?

PRESIDENT: I quite understand your question and I also quite understand the answer given by the Government member.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Part (*b*) of the question is 'what is the estimated amount' and the member says that it is Rs. 31,170 and that it is the same amount which is estimated for gravelling the road. I wish to know whether the expenditure for gravelling and metalling is the same.

PRESIDENT: I understand the Chief Engineer to say that the amount he has specified is for the purpose of gravelling the road but not for metalling it and that the cost of metalling would be higher. All the same there has been some confusion of thought.

Cheppad-Vettikulangara road in the Kartikapalli taluk.

19 ***MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR** (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a road called the Cheppad-Vettikulangara road in the Kartikapalli taluk in the charge of the P. W. D.;

(*b*) whether, if a small deviation is made at the Vettikulangara temple, it will serve to connect the Quilon-Alleppey road with the Kartikapalli-Kayankulam road;

(*c*) whether any of the officers of the P. W. D. in the Quilon Division has recently made any inspection of this cross-road; and

(*d*) the result of the inspection, if any?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) There is no such road in the charge of the P. W. D.

(*b*) There is a road to Vettikulangara temple which is said to be a temple road. If an extension of this road is made, it will connect the Quilon-Alleppey road and the Kayankulam-Kartikapalli road.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It was found that the road would be serviceable, if constructed.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from the member whether the road can be extended as far as the Kayankulam backwaters so as to connect it with the jetty there?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The road is not in the charge of the P. W. D. at present.

MR. V RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): My point is whether this road can be extended.

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It can be extended most certainly.

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